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MEMORANDUM FOR: FISH - C - VIA: C/EE

SUBJECT: Dr. Keresly Kay

1. Until 1944 Dr. Keresly Kay was an executive in one of the commercial firms in Hungary. Subject also entered the Army reserves. After October 1944 Kay joined the Hungarian Death Head Brigade. (The official name was "SS Kay Group.") This was the only Hungarian unit attached and under the command of the German SS troops stationed in Hungary. Members volunteered merely to fight against the Russians; their activities consisted of looting and brutally killing in Hungary.

2. Subject's liaison officer to the German unit was Gust Keresly. In the summer of 1945 Kay and most of his officers were prisoners of the U. S. Army in Austria at Camp Rheisen. Gust Keresly, Captain Robert and some others had been arrested for murder. OSS turned over to the War Crimes Commission complete interrogation reports in which Captain Robert admitted murdering five citizens in Hungary. The prisoners were tried, and some of them were sentenced to death by the American military tribunal. Gust Keresly was sentenced to life. The team was later released and he was paroled through his American connections. He married to Gladys Weinstadt, Gust Keresly is a second cousin of Rosenberg, ex-ambassador to the United States from Hungary, prior to World War II.

3. Subject is a very well-trained officer -- one of the very smart Hungarian officers who reached Austria. As an anti-Gauleiter and a Nazi, he was an unconditional supporter of Hitler.

4. Subject is known personally to an OSS Staff member in Germany.

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